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Southeastern Breaks Silence about Monitoring Controversy

Tangi Times Report
Reference content from LA Illuminator

Following a provocative article published in the LA Illuminator regarding a scientist who was reassigned by Southeastern Louisiana University after exposing toxic levels of heavy metals in Lake Maurepas, a great stir was generated in the community affected by the controversial Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) project being conducted by Air Products.

As stated in the article, *The Southeastern Louisiana University scientist who discovered alarming levels of toxic chemicals in Lake Maurepas was abruptly removed from her research position this week without explanation.*

The article was shared by many other news outlets and generated considerable unrest in our community.

On Monday, August 4, the Tangi Times published an auxiliary story that included a statement from four state legislators from our area who have been among the most vociferous opponents of the CCS project in Lake Maurepas: State Representative Kim Coates, State Representative Shane Mack, State representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., and State Senator Bill Wheat.

In the response, the four officials reported that they had reached out to Southeastern for an explanation of the allegations and received word that the university would release a statement of their own this week.

Here is an excerpt from the letter from the legislators:

We are aware of the article published by the Louisiana Illuminator on July 31, 2025, titled University Sidelines Scientist Who Exposed Toxic Metals in Lake Maurepas, and we understand it has raised questions and concerns within our communities. As your elected officials, we remain committed to transparency and to protecting public trust in environmental research.

Following the article's publication, we engaged directly with leadership at Southeastern Louisiana University to discuss the broader issues it raised. We emphasized the importance of public confidence in scientific integrity and environmental monitoring, especially regarding Lake Maurepas and its surrounding ecosystems.

We are encouraged to report the university reaffirm its commitment to continuing lake research and testing. University leadership also confirmed they are in the process of hiring

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Future Rocket Scientists Blossom in St. Helena

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

De'Shon Muse never really planned on becoming a hometown hero for the next generation of robot builders, bridge testers, and future NASA recruits. But sometimes, life nudges you right where you need to be – even if you've got more metal in your spine than most people have in their toolbox.

After a serious car accident in 2017 left him with a brain injury and multiple surgeries, De'Shon knew he could sit around feeling sorry for himself – or get busy helping his community. Lucky for St. Helena Parish, he picked option two.

"I can't just sit at home and wait," he said. So when he met Jo'el Givens at a community arts event, the St. Helena STEAM team found their newest volunteer and biggest cheerleader.

Every Tuesday, you'll find De'Shon side-by-side with a

Tangi Times photo

bunch of bright-eyed students at the St. Helena College and Career Academy, working through robotics hiccups and 3D printer jams – sometimes literally running home to grab extra PVC elbows when the kids run out mid-project.

He's quick to point out that this program isn't just about robots and coding. It's STEAM, with that special A for art – meaning these kids get to flex both their creative muscles and their engineering brains.

"They only have one hour a week to work on their projects," De'Shon said. "But they're so smart. Some of them might not be honor roll students, but they work like they are when they're here."

And what projects they tackle. From building bridges out of soft wood strips and testing them like tiny Louisiana engineers, to assembling submersible robots out of pool noodles and pipes, there's no shortage of wow-factor.

They've even tried their hand at magnetic levitation cars – because who says small-town kids can't dream big?

And dream big they do. Thanks to connections De'Shon helped build, the students had a Q&A session with Dr. Lowe, a local success story now working on NASA's Artemis Project to get us back to the moon.

"One student asked for blueprints to a space capsule," De'Shon said, still sounding a little amazed. "Another is

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Today is National Root Beer Float Day!

One for me, One for you

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Honk, honk! That's Old Hardhide's way of getting everyone's attention to a very important topic. And "honk" starts with an 'H,' which you know makes the main gator happy.

So, what's the issue that needs so much attention? I'll be happy to tell you. SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

What does that mean for you? Well, if you're on the road with other drivers, it means that school buses will be all over the place, and they're carrying a big load of very important cargo – our kids! These kiddos need to go to school and learn and become educated so they can get out into the world and earn a living so they can take care of us when we get old. Right?

Now, mind you, when I say "us," I really mean you, because we all know that the Hide only ages like a fine wine. Red wine. Preferably a bold blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvédre in just the right proportions. But I digress.

This refined reptile will be around for a very long time, so my message is purely selfless!

Watch out for the buses, my dear swampies. If you see a bus slowing down with those red lights flashing, you know what that means – the STOP signs are about to flap out the side like little instructional wings, and they're flapping at you. So even if you're in a hurry, respect the buses!

And speaking of respect, if you have kids on the buses, teach them to respect the bus drivers. These drivers have a hard job to do, and it's much harder with a pack of rowdy passengers distracting the captain!

For those of you who don't know what the flashing lights mean, there's a very helpful informational graphic on Page 8. I suggest you have a look, because those little flappy stop signs apply to you more than you might think!

Drive safely and watch out for those kids, my friends.

MEMES are good medicine!

Interviewer: Tell me some of your accomplishments in your last department.
Me: I'm responsible for the implementation of ten new departmental policies.
Interviewer: Wow – you wrote ten policies?
Me: That is not what I said.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As Mayor of Ponchatoula, I want to take a moment to wish all our students, teachers, and families a joyful and successful start to the new school year.

This week marks the return of busy hallways, backpacks, and morning routines – and I couldn't be more proud of the young minds growing right here in our hometown. Our schools are the heart of this community, and I'm confident this year will be filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

The Ponchatoula Student Outreach Program at the Community Center will also resume this Friday, August 8. To participate, a teacher recommendation must be given.

This program has been an incredible asset to our community, and I look forward to another fruitful year.

As classes resume, I kindly ask everyone to be extra mindful on the roads. Please anticipate heavier traffic around school zones and be patient with carpool lines and school buses making frequent stops. Let's work together to keep our children safe.

I close with a heartfelt prayer: May God watch over our students, teachers, and school staff. May He grant them wisdom, strength, and protection each day, and may this school year be filled with peace, progress, and purpose. Amen.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Friday August 1- Thursday August 28
5 pm – 8 pm
Opening Reception of Degas Pastel Society Members Exhibition
Hammond Regional Arts Center
217 E Thomas St., Hammond

Wednesday August 6
5:30
TPSO Gun Safety Presentation
(Pre K- 5th Grade)
P.A.R.D.
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 9
6:30 – 9:30 pm
Chillin' with The Chamber 2025
Chappapeela Sports Complex
19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

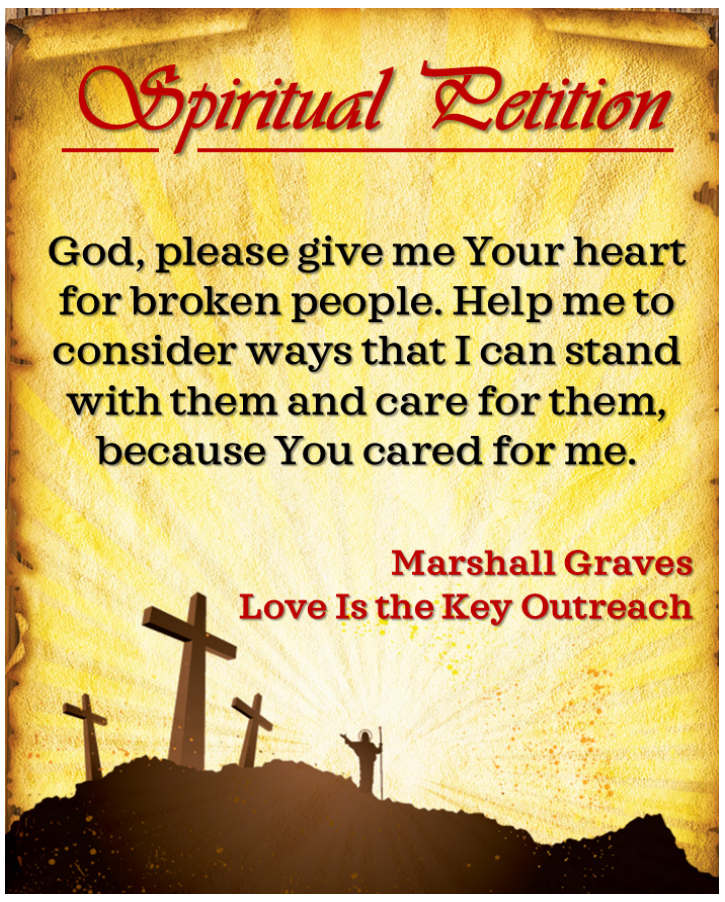
Saturday August 9
5:30 – 9:30
Ancient Order of Hibernians Auction
Ponchatoula Lions Club
750 E Pine St., Ponchatoula

Thursday August 14
5:30 pm
Ponchatoula Chamber After Hours
Ponchatoula Kiwanis
300 N. 6th St., Ponchatoula

Thursday August 14
6:30
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 23
8am – all day and evening
Hot August Stroll 2025
Downtown Hammond

Friday August 29
7 pm
Learn to Rumba
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 East Oak St., Ponchatoula


Spiritual Petition
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Marshall Graves
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Dubious News

Hello, friends!
What do you think awaits us in heaven when our time comes? Well, whatever it is, it can't be as good as it was for the Vikings – they believed that a giant goat, whose udders provided an endless supply of beer, awaited them in Valhalla (Viking Heaven)!
Imagine opening a bar tab in Valhalla and having the following menu options:
- Valkyrie Vibes Pale Ale:
A light brew that lifts your spirits and your battle axe.
- Mjölnir Stout:
Dark, heavy, and hits harder than Thor on leg day.
- Double UddER IPA:
It's "udderly" powerful. You've been warned.
Bjorn the Brutal even left a Yelp review:
"Came for the ale, stayed because I died in glorious battle. 10/10 would perish again."
I guess you sometimes just have to live like Ragnarök is tomorrow.
Until next time, Warriors!

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is accepting applications for the following role:

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Tangi Gumbo

A little bit of everything you need to know

There's still time to grab your ticket for Chillin' with the Chamber on Saturday, August 9, from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Chappapeela Sports Park Gymnasium! Hosted by the Tangipahoa Chamber and presented by Title Sponsor First Guaranty Bank, this summer celebration features delicious eats from Blackened Brew, refreshing drinks from Chamber members, and live entertainment by 3rd Street. Attendees will also have a chance to win incredible prizes, including a $10,000 grand prize or a Large Big Green Egg in a Nest, courtesy of Gabriel Building Supply. Dress is summer casual. Tickets are $125 and include admission for two—get yours now at https://bit.ly/chillin-2025.

The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District has reported that 28 mosquito samples have recently tested positive for West Nile Virus, bringing the 2025 total to 103 positive samples out of 1,252 tested. While no human cases have been reported in the district this year, officials are urging residents to take basic preventive measures and review educational materials. In response to the positive results, additional mosquito control treatments will be conducted as weather permits. For more information on West Nile Virus, visit the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html.

An all-inclusive playground is coming to Ponchatoula Rec Park, thanks to a collaboration between the Ponchatoula Jaycees and The Ace of Hearts Foundation. Designed for children of all abilities to play side by side with their siblings and friends, the playground will feature accessible equipment and a safe, welcoming environment for every family. Community members can support the project by donating, getting involved via ponchatoulainclusiveplayground@gmail.com, or simply spreading the word to help bring this inclusive vision to life.

Louisiana State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash that occurred on the evening of July 31, 2025, on LA Hwy 1042 near Edward Wells Lane in St. Helena Parish, claiming the life of 32-year-old Christopher T. Self of Greensburg. Troopers say Self was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Impala eastbound when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle veered off the road and overturned. Self, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. A routine toxicology sample was collected as part of the ongoing investigation.

As Child Support Awareness Month begins, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services has relaunched its "On the Road Again" initiative, a limited-time program running from August 1 through September 30, 2025, aimed at helping noncustodial parents reinstate driver's licenses suspended due to unpaid child support. Eligible parents can restore their licenses by making reduced payments toward their current and past-due support, along with any court-ordered fees. The initiative, which collected over $155,000 for 202 children last year, is designed to encourage parental involvement and improve long-term outcomes for families.

North Oaks Health System is proud to welcome fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon Tyler M. Scott, MD, to the team at North Oaks Orthopedic Specialty Center in Hammond. He is accepting new patients ages 18 and up. Born in Hammond, Dr. Scott took the first steps towards his medical career as an operating room assistant at North Oaks Medical Center. Now a highly trained orthopedic surgeon, he specializes in hip and knee joint reconstruction surgery.

North Oaks Orthopedic Specialty Center has locations in Hammond and Livingston.

Tangipahoa Parish road crews are scheduled to work in the following areas during the week of August 4:

Milling Operations: West Black Cat, Mandella, North Duncan, and South Lewiston;

Shoulder Dressing: South I-12 Service Road, Whiskey Lane, New Gennessee, Arbordale, Old Covington, Chappapeela, East Park, Holly Drive, and Oak Hollow;

Soil Cement: Brown Road in the Village of Tangipahoa, Baytown Hills, Company Town, and Johnson Holton Road;

Paving Operations: Gemstone Place, Jaelyn, West Black Cat, Mandella, Perry Lane, North Duncan, and South Lewiston;

Preliminary Patching: Chemekette and Frank Lane.

All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

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Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

What is the quickest way to ruin a potluck?

Christine Rogers
Ponchatoula

Not washing your hands after using the bathroom.

David Thiemann
Montpelier

"I didn't shoot the deer for the sausage. He was already dead on the side of the road. Have you tried the rabbit?"

Jeannette Smith
Hammond

An ill-timed sneeze.

Jillian Thompson
Hammond

Announce your dish is "experimental."

Justine Campbell
Kentwood

Bringing nothing but eating everything.

Kasia Perkowska
Ponchatoula

Unseasoned food. We are in Louisiana! We don't do bland. I expect my food to be seasoned!

Sylvia Cater
Springfield

Bringing your food in a dish with the word FIDO on the front!

Thomas Fletcher
Ponchatoula

Putting Spam in a gumbo.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Michelle Gallo
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Dale Brouillette
Carol McGough
Suzette Brantley
Carol Morrow
Christine Crocker
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Johnny Graham
Greg Leskiw
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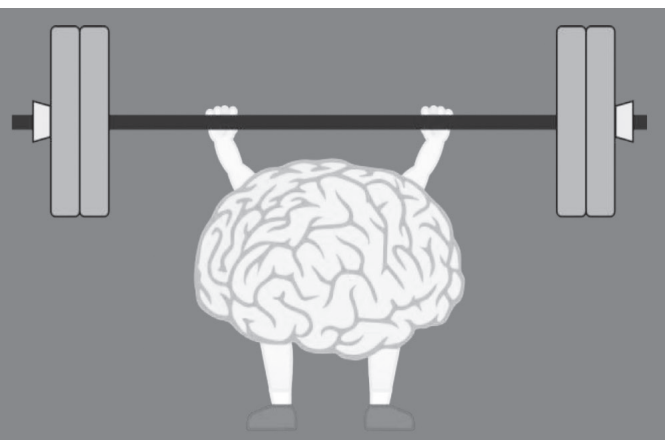


CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to eye health.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = S)

A. **14 17 1 17 10 13**
Clue: Sight

B. **1 18 13 25 3 5 1 1 8 1**
Clue: Tinted lenses

C. **8 6 5 11**
Clue: Test

D. **21 4 10 22 8 15 22**
Clue: Care for

Answers: A. vision B. sunglasses C. exam D. protect

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

CONSONANT CHAOS

TRY ON and TOURNEY are an example of a "consonantcy" – a pair of words or phrases with the same consonants from left to right but with different vowels. With the clues below, identify the five consonantcy pairs. Each pair uses a different set of consonants.

1. House coat? • M&M variety
2. Wrigley Field team • train's last car
3. Diverse • late (as a library book)
4. Tokyo shopping district • fret (over)
5. Green-eyed • famous heavyweight boxer (two words)

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to eyes.

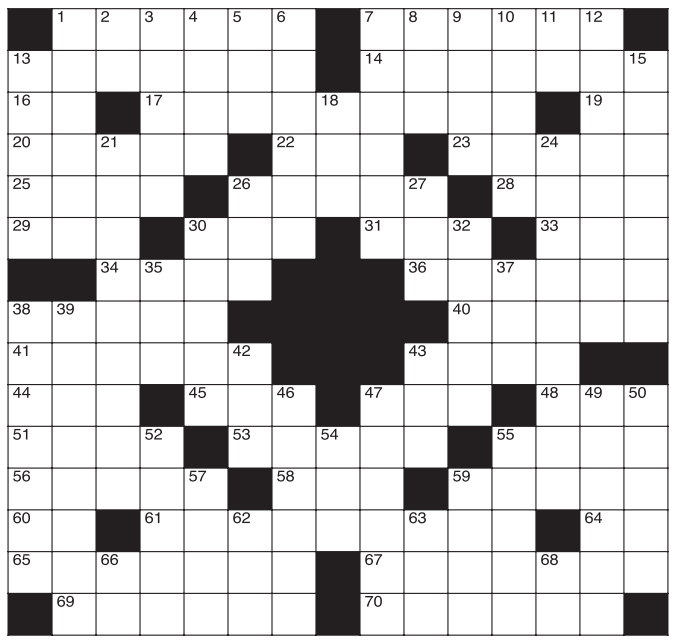
R I I S

Answer: Iris

FUN FACT

The fresh smell of the earth and the air after rain is called PETRICHOR

CROSSWORD



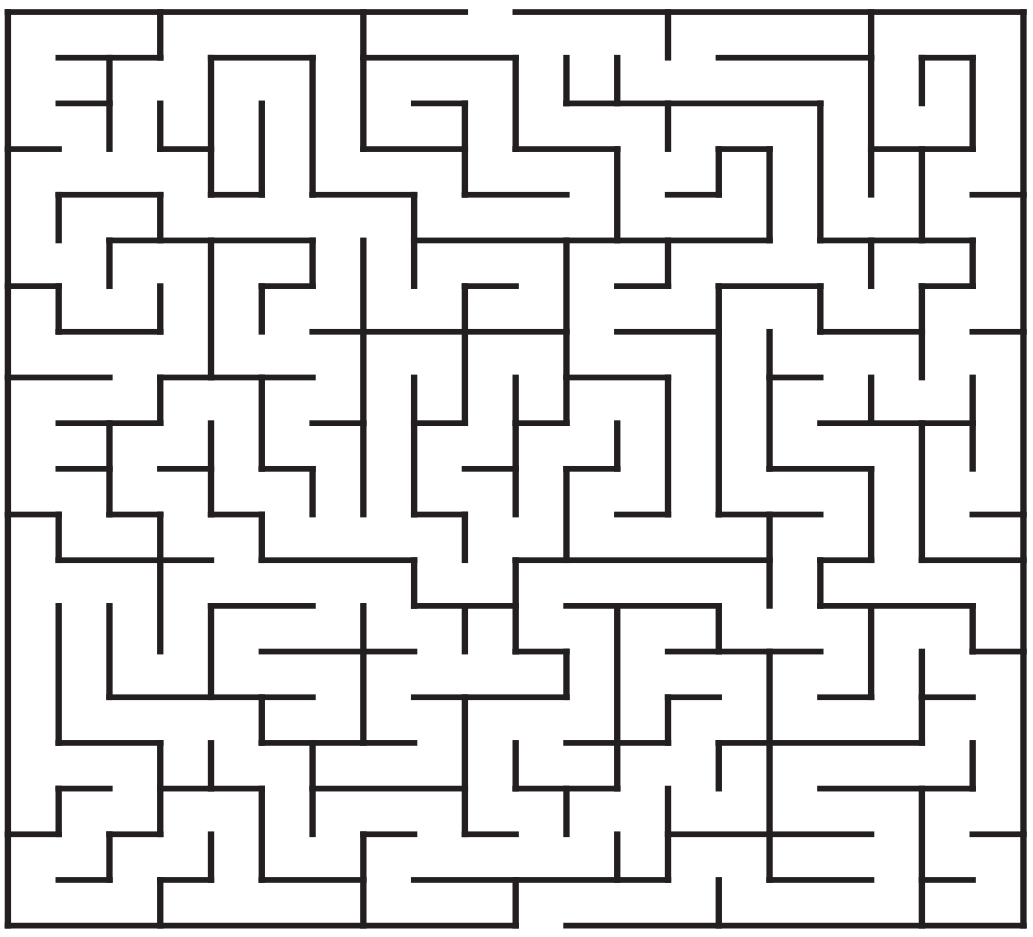
CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. They precede C
17. A way to compare
19. State lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. Eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. Mountain in New Zealand
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of modern psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. You can get stuck in one
45. Partner to feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankee great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Gold
65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Necklace materials
4. Containers
5. Investment account
6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
7. Dipped down
8. Head injury category (abbr.)
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. Caused to be loved
13. Muslim spiritual leader
15. Showing sincere conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
30. Start over
32. Wild white flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
38. Side by side and facing the same way
39. Religious conflicts
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Japanese city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Malasyia on August 6, 1962. At age 21, I won the Miss Malaysia pageant and represented the country in the 1983 Miss World Competition. I often play an action heroine in movies, and in 2023 I won an Oscar for Best Actress for a role opposite a "Goonies" star.

Answer: Michelle Yeoh

SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH

EYE HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

BACTERIA
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CONTACTS
CORNEA
DISTANCE
DROPS
EXAM
EYES
GOGGLES
HEALTH
LASHES
OPTOMETRIST
PROTECT
REGARD
RETINA
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SIGHT
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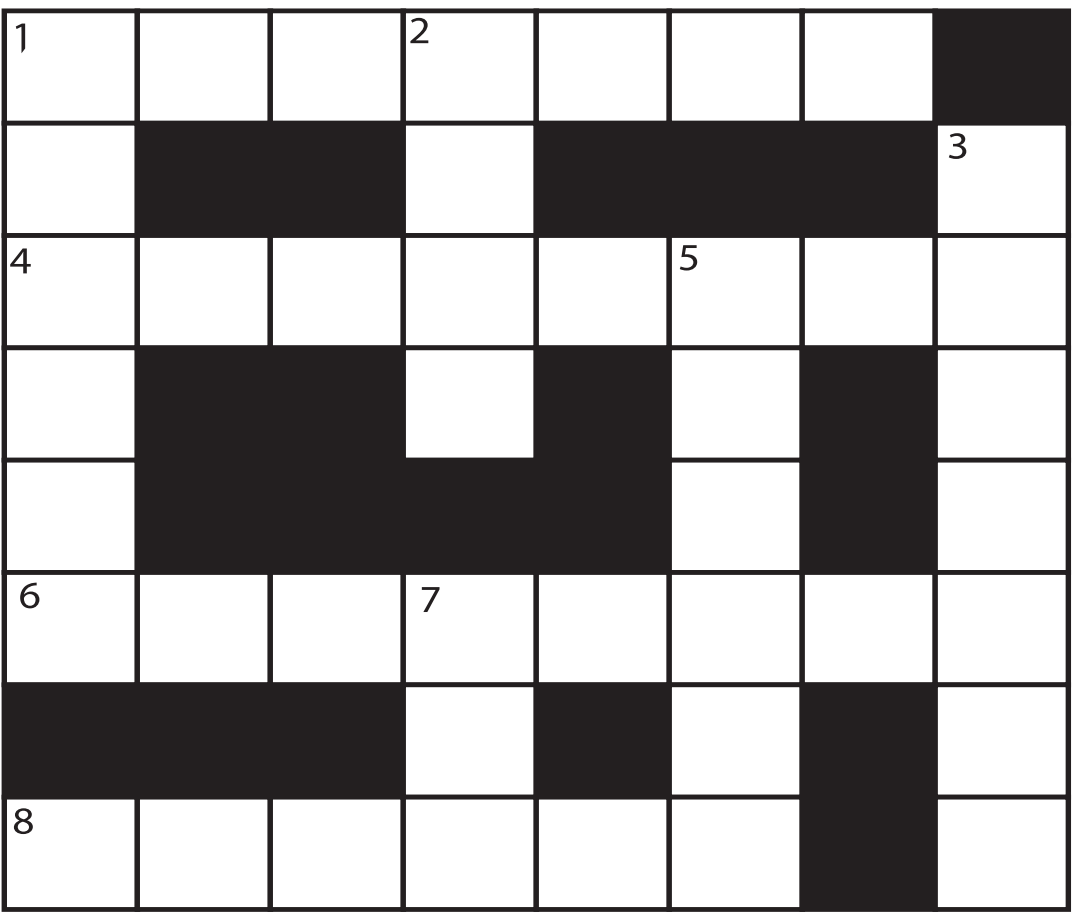
VISION
WASH



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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (9 months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
- A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
- Diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website (https://www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/). Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: AUGUST 4, 2025

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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: CAFETERIA MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 ½ Months)

SALARY: $32,325 - $46,239 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Champ Cooper Elementary
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
- High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the Child Nutrition Program with one year serving as a Production Manager;
- Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: JULY 31, 2025

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 12 , 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Lucille Nesom Memorial
Tickfaw, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
- Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR
- Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
- Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
- Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
- Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **August 12, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this position should check their email account daily, **including their SPAM folder**, for communications regarding this advertisement.

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DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: JULY 29, 2025

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Curriculum Support Teacher (9 Months)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Jewel M Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate in the assigned teaching field as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*
- A Master's degree issued by an accredited college or university
- Preference will be given to individuals who hold certification in English Language Arts or Social Studies

**********FEDERALLY FUNDED STATEMENT **********
This position is partially federally funded (50%) and any future academic year renewal is based on the allotment of federal funds.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 7, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: MAGNET SCHOOL SPECIALIST (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet-Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA:
- Must have a valid Louisiana teaching certificate as per the minimum requirements set forth in Bulletin 746: Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.
- Experience working with IB Schools preferred.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **AUGUST 7, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: TALENTED THEATER TEACHER (2 Positions) (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: TBA

CRITERIA: Must hold a valid Louisiana Ancillary Teaching Certificate in Talented Theater or Artist – Drama

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY – 2 POSITIONS (9 months / 10 Months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 / $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
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TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
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DATE: July 17, 2025

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Melissa M. Stilley, Superintendent

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is excited to announce the continuation of the USDA Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, parents/guardians will no longer need to complete a meal benefits application for their child(ren). To participate in this program, the only requirement is that the student(s) must be enrolled in one of the following Tangipahoa Parish public schools:

Amite Elementary Magnet	Independence Leadership Academy	Lucille Nesom Memorial
Amite High Magnet	Independence High Magnet	O.W. Dillon Leadership Academy
Amite Westside Middle Magnet	Jewel M. Sumner High	Perrin Early Learning Center
Champ Cooper Elementary	Jewel M. Sumner Middle	Ponchatoula High
Chesbrough Elementary	Kentwood High Magnet	Ponchatoula Jr. High
D. C. Reeves Elementary	Loranger Elementary	Roseland Montessori
Greenville Park Leadership Academy	Loranger High	Southeastern Laboratory
Hammond Eastside Elementary Magnet	Loranger Middle	Spring Creek Elementary
Hammond Eastside Middle Magnet	Martha Vinyard Elementary	Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program
Hammond High Magnet	Midway Elementary	Tucker Elementary
Hammond Westside Montessori	Natalbany Middle	Woodland Park Magnet

All students at these schools are eligible to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no charge. However, students will still be responsible for paying for second meals and extra sales items, which are not included in the program. No additional action is required from parents/guardians. For more information or updates, please visit the district website.

We look forward to providing healthy, delicious meals to our students for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Reed, TPSS Director of Child Nutrition, at (985) 748-2480 or via email at kendra.reed@tangischools.org. Thanks!

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Publish: July 28, 30, August 1, 4 & 6
Cost of notice: $ 68.50

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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Early Intervention Special Education Teacher (9 Months)
Age 3 and Prek-12th Grade

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Private and Parochial Schools of Tangipahoa Parish

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with Special Education endorsement as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.*
- A Bachelor's OR Master's degree issued by an accredited college or university.

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NOTICE

Owner: Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish

Project: W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025]

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of "W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025] for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish" will be received by the President & Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish at the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 district office Meeting Room, 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466, until 10:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, August 21, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of:

Cleaning, patch/seal and geopolymer lining of a 96"x120" corrugated metal pipe arched (CMPA) (100 LF) and catch basins (2 EA), clean and installation of cured in place pipe (CIPP) in 24"-36" pipe sizes (materials vary) (260 LF), installation of new catch basins (2 EA), install/open cut 36" Thermoplastic pipe (CPEP-DW/RPVCP), imported backfill (100 CY), installation of flowable fill (20 CY), construction/traffic signage, miscellaneous sitework & erosion control, and related work as called for on the drawings, indicated on the Bid Form, or reasonably implied.

Construction Budget: $250,000.00
Contract Term: 60 calendar days

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Spangler Engineering, LLC; 214 Southwest Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403; (985) 542-8665; Jay C. Pittman, P.E.; jay@spanglerengineering.com. Prospective Bidders shall obtain Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday), and 8:00 am – 12 noon (Friday), and may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office as described herein.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Office of the District Administrator, Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish; 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above upon payment of a deposit of $150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within ten (10) days after receipt of Bids (August 31, 2025) will receive a full refund ($150.00). Non-Bidders will receive a refund of $150.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Spangler Engineering, LLC". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am (CST) on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the CGDD#1 Engineer's Office; 214 SW Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, LA

By: _____

Title: Emile "Joey" Mayeaux, PRESIDENT, Board of Commissioners

Date: 16 July 2025

Publication dates: 0 7 / 1 6 / 2 0 2 5 ; 07/23/2025; 07/30/2025; 08/06/2025; 08/13/2025

Cost of notice:$ 40.50

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CONSOLIDATED GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M., AT THE DOMICILE OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 48571 HIGHWAY 51 NORTH, TICKFAW, LOUISIANA.

The Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, met on the above date in Regular Session and was called to order by the President, Mr. Joey Mayeaux, with the following members present:

STRADER CIEUTAT, JOSEPH HAVIS, III, JOHN G. INGRAFFIA, JOEY MAYEAUX, H.G. "BUDDY" RIDGEL, LIONELL WELLS

ABSENT: BRIGETTE HYDE, LOUIS "NICK" JOSEPH, DAVID VIAL

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A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Ms. Cieutat to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated June 25, 2025, and that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal of the District as record. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)

NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Ms. Cieutat to accept the Finance Committee Report and to pay all presented expenditures for the month of June. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)
NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the drainage plans for Southern Tire Mart as presented by Ford Engineering Services, PLLC. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)
NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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Mr. Jay Pittman of Spangler Engineering gave an update on the Poncha-

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Obituaries

Bernadine Anita Walker; 79; July 23; Viewing will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Mt. Caanan Missionary Baptist Church, 15650 Hwy. 10, Roseland, LA 70456, at 10am until the religious service at 11am.

Erica Christine Blanchard; 32; July 28; survived by her mother, Mary Gregoire; step-father, William Gregoire; sisters, Megan Moore (Donovan) and Harlea Jarreau (Mike); brother, Joshua Blanchard (Cortney); niece and nephew, Saylee and Brantlee; grandmothers, Mary Newman (Maw) and Marlene Blanchard; aunt and uncle, Fred and Melissa; and many cousins.

Earl Carter Kinchen; 81; Albany; July 29; survived by his by his children, Robin Kinchen, Kevin Kinchen (Susie); Joshua Kinchen, Jennifer Kinchen Jones (Brian), and Dylan Kinchen; brother, Jerry Kinchen (Essie); grandchildren, Amanda (Ryan), Kevin (Jillian), Autumn (Ferlin), and Brooke; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerri Faye Foster Gregoire; 70; Independence; July 29; survived by her daughter, Tiffany Ann Foster Petersen (Jamie); grandchildren, Chase, Barbie (Tyran), and Charles; great-grandchildren, Jude, Alivea, Brielle, and Tyran Jr.; brother, Charles T. 'Tommy' Foster Jr. (Lori); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paulette "Pat" H. Morgan; 80; July 30; survived by sons, Ed Hutchinson, Marshall Morgan Jr. (Kim), Roger Morgan (Belinda), Pete Morgan; grandchildren, Kelci, Bubba (Janie), Kaylea (Trey), Leon, Shelby (Michael), Billie Ann (Patrick), Chase, and Max; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Laverne Yates (DT); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Coleman; 72; July 30; Religious service will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home, 87 Paddio Johnson Ln., Greensburg, LA 70441, at 2pm.

Constance "Connie" Little Saucier; 79; Ponchatoula; July 31; survived by her children, Charles "Chuck" Saucier, Jr., Michael "Mike" Saucier, and Angela Saucier Williams (Rion); grandchildren, Brennan, Dylan, Evan, and Tyler; siblings, Jimmie Little (Claudette) and Joan Basney; and many family members and friends.

Milton "Ray" Hinson; 42; Livingston; July 31; survived by his mother, Vickie Leader; father, Billy Glen Hinson; stepmother, Nancy Hinson; brother, Dustin Hinson (Gabrielle); stepsisters, Lindsey McCaskle (Brian), Ashlyn Husser (Chris), Leslie Carlton (Chad), and Amanda Storer (Aaron); grandmother, Carol Herring; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

David Jackson Strahan; 77; August 1; survived by his wife, Gwendolyn Strahan; sons, David Strahan, Jason Strahan, and Patrick Strahan (Sarah); grandchildren, Trevor, Ashley, Amy, Amelia, Gauge, Landyn, and Blake; sisters, Cherrie, Elaine, and Katherine; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Harvey Allen Jones Jr.; 81; August 2

"Bob" Eugene Murray; 95; Ponchatoula; August 2; survived by his sons, Michael Murray (Beth) and Robert Farrow (Nina); nephew, Kevin Murray (Karen); grandchildren, Amanda, Benjamin, Christopher, Evan, and Erin; and great-grandchildren, Morgan, Madison, and Lana.

Mary Anne Thibodeaux; 79; Ponchatoula; August 3; survived by her children, Sonya Thibodeaux and John Thibodeaux; sister, Carolyn Raiford; brothers, Henry Morgan (Gail), Joseph Morgan (Jackie), and Kevlin Morgan (Rita); and numerous nieces and nephews.

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A motion was made by Mr. Havis and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve Change Order #7 of the Vegetative Management Spray Contract with ELOS Environmental in the amount of $22,789.98. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)
NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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A motion was made by Mr. Havis and seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt the Revised Payroll Policy of the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Manual – Policies and Procedures Manual. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)
NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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In his report, the Administrator presented the Master To Do List and Permit and Progress Report. He also reported that there are some repairs that need to be made to the Office Building and he will report back later with more information. A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Ridgel to approve the Administrator's Report. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Cieutat, Havis, Ingraffia, Mayeaux, Ridgel, Wells)
NAYS: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: 3 (Hyde, Joseph, Vial)

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In Personnel, the Personnel Committee met today and will meet again prior to the next scheduled meeting and discuss personnel matter before the full board.

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With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Ridgel, the Commissioners of CGDD1 adjourned.

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE

Is Hereby Given That The Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet In Regular Session on Monday, August 11, 2025 following the Public Hearing at 5:30PM at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985)748-3211.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDEMNATION HEARING - 25017 Corban Lane, Amite, LA, Assessment 6118623, District 1

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-20 - An Ordinance to acquire ownership of right of ways for the State Project #H.015014 Stateline Road Bridge over Unnamed Creek Bridge Replacement Project in Kentwood, Louisiana, to authorize the Parish President to sign and execute all necessary documents to provide for the recordation and to provide copies to all involved parties

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-21 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-112-Special Classification Property Development Standards, (A)-Mobile/Manufactured Homes Placement Standards for Placement on a Single Lot for Dorothy Bridgewater, Assessment #2686708 in District 8

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-22 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-90-Minor Subdivision Standards, (A)(2) Frontage for David Jenkins, Assessment #6210058 in District 4

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-23 - An Ordinance to provide for an Exemption of Parish Government One Cent (1¢) Sales Taxes on purchases of Firearms, Ammunition, and Hunting Supplies during the State of Louisiana Second Amendment Weekend Sales Tax Holiday, September 5-7, 2025

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT will take place in regard to the John Robert "Bobby" Cortez v. TPG, et al, 21st JDC, Tangipahoa Parish, Suit No. 20250001743 lawsuit to execute a proposed settlement agreement that challenged the legality of the Parish Home Rule Charter regarding term limits for Council and Parish President.

The meeting agenda will be posted outside the meeting location and posted online at www.tangipahoa.org

on Thursday prior to the meeting date.

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Operator of Vessel in Fatal Boating Incident Sentenced to Serve Two Years in Jail

From LDWF

The operator of a vessel that was involved in a fatal boating incident on the Tickfaw River was sentenced on Aug. 1 in Livingston Parish.

The Honorable Judge Charlotte H. Foster sentenced Jason Chiasson Jr., 35, of Holden, to serve five years in jail for each of the two counts of negligent homicide to run consecutively with four years suspended for each count and six months in jail for each of the five counts of negligent injuring to run concurrently with the negligent homicide sentencing. He was also ordered to pay a $2,000 fine.

Chiasson Jr. pleaded no contest to these charges on July 7 after a plea deal. He will serve his two-year sentence in the Livingston Parish Jail system.

Chiasson Jr. was the operator of a 25-foot Sea Fox vessel when he collided with a 25-foot pontoon boat shortly after midnight on July 28 on the Tickfaw River. Through the course of the investigation, agents determined that Chiasson Jr. was impaired at the time of the collision.

The collision resulted in the deaths of a passenger on the Sea Fox, Thuy Gustin, 31, of Springfield, and the operator of the pontoon boat, Chase Sharkey, 36, of Greensburg. Two people on the Sea Fox and three people on the pontoon were taken to the North Oaks Hospital with serious injuries.

Agents arrested Chiasson Jr. on Aug. 22, 2024, for two counts of vehicular homicide, five counts of first-degree vehicular negligent injury, second offense of operating or driving a vessel while impaired (DWI) and careless operation of a vessel.

Livingston Parish Assistant District Attorney Kurt Wall prosecuted the case.

STEAM

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developing an emergency panic app. It really makes them think bigger."

It's not just the kids who benefit, though. For De'Shon, those Tuesday sessions keep him going when the pain kicks in and life feels heavy. "They help me, too," he said. "I don't want to let them down."

This STEAM team is more than a weekly club. It's a launching pad – one that's gained some serious tech muscle with the school's new Makerspace, which boasts everything from VR labs to a 3D printer that might one day churn out custom school swag.

There's even a plan to explore how meteor impacts shape the Earth's surface, thanks to a crater site De'Shon found right in his own backyard. Lunar topography, local geology, robots, and art – no wonder these kids are curious.

If he can raise the funds, De'Shon hopes to take the team to the Johnson Space Center in Houston. They've competed in national competitions before, but seeing real rockets might be just the fuel they need for the next big idea.

Whether he's troubleshooting a jammed printer or hauling a livestock tank to stand in for a borrowed swimming pool, De'Shon's commitment to these kids proves one thing: when you combine time, heart, and a few stubborn robots, there's no limit to how far young minds can go – even if they start in a little parish tucked between pine trees and meteor craters.

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Honorably Discharged Military Vet Residents Can Purchase 80% Discounted Combo License

From LDWF

Thanks to the recent passing of Act 321, honorably discharged military veteran residents may purchase a recreational hunting and fishing combination license for $20 beginning Aug. 1, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced.

The new license termed "Resident Honorably Discharged Hunt/Fish Combo", offers an 80% discount from the $100 Sportsman's Paradise license. As part of LDWF's legislative package and championed by Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry, the bill was signed into law after receiving legislative passage during the 2025 session.

LDWF currently offers several discounts for active and former members of the U.S. Armed Services. These include resident rates for all active-duty military personnel, a discounted combination hunt/fish license for resident or native-born retired military personnel, and free licenses for disabled veterans. This new law expands these benefits. All honorably discharged military veteran residents of Louisiana are now eligible for the discounted combination hunting and fishing license previously available only to residents or native-born retired military personnel.

The bill, authored by Sen. Brach Myers, was a keystone piece of LDWF's 2025 legislative initiatives. It was the result of collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and The Boot, an organization seeking to incentivize military veterans to make Louisiana their home once their service has ended. It is intended to honor our Louisiana veterans for their service, encourage them to make Louisiana home, and promote the use of enjoyment of the Sportsman's Paradise.

Any bona fide resident who is an honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, is eligible.

The applicant must provide identification and proof of eligibility via the application below. In addition to any other documentation accepted by the department as satisfactory proof of military service, government-issued separation and discharge documentation, such as a DD-214 or NGB-22, shall be considered satisfactory proof of eligibility.

Applications for honorably discharged veterans can be found at https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov. The application with required documentation and payment of a check or money order can be sent to LDWF; Attention: Sports Licenses, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898.

Once eligibility is approved for this license, it may be purchased in future years by visiting https://louisianaoutdoors.com/.

For more information, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov or contact LDWF licensing at 225-765-2898.

SOUTHEASTERN

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additional staff to strengthen and expand these efforts. These actions reflect a continued investment in science-based stewardship of our natural resources.

The four officials who endorsed the letter are among the most vehement opponents of the CCS project and have stood staunchly in opposition to it since its inception. Their history of fierce defense of our community against environmental threats is beyond reproach, and their intentions and actions have a clear history of transparency. Nonetheless, as could have been expected, public criticism erupted in response to the statement, suggesting questions about the integrity of the message.

Monday Morning, the Tangi Times received the following statement from Southeastern regarding the controversy:

>> A number of issues were raised in a recent article to which we would like to respond.

First, Southeastern stands by all peer reviewed research of our esteemed scientists. Southeastern has a proven history of hiring exceptional research faculty and is committed to current and expanded research in various fields of study.

Second, Southeastern's complete commitment to the continuation of studying the current status of Lake Maurepas is unwavering, regardless of what the science uncovers.

Third, Air Products provided funding for Southeastern to conduct extensive independent research and monitoring and has remained supportive. Air Products has no control or influence over the research, its findings, its publication or any of the researchers. That is what makes this investment in the study of Lake Maurepas unprecedented.

All research done by Southeastern is independent of any external influence and available to the public via our 24/7 data reporting website (https://www.southeastern.edu/college-of-science-and-technology/center-for-environmental-research/lakemaurepas/) and/or the publishing of research reports and findings. Our current research not only continues but will be bolstered as we advance further organizational changes to continue, and effectively increase in output as we understand the importance of findings to the communities we serve.

It should also be noted that it is standard procedure to not provide reasons for discontinuation of a position or personnel issues. The reason for this is for privacy issues to protect the employee.

We welcome public and media interest in the Maurepas Research Project. We will also be holding public forums as we have in the past years to review current findings.<<

As the CCS project remains one of the most contentious issues in our region, more developments are expected on this story. Stay tuned to the Tangi Times for updates.

AI Companionship: Forgoing True Human Connection

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

I've taken a few weeks' break from social media, and now that I'm back, I noticed a new trend seems to have popped up overnight, which is the norm nowadays.

When I saw several videos on various social media platforms were discussing people falling in love and having romantic relationships with Chat GPT or other Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs, I didn't believe it! I figured it was some new prank or challenge everyone was doing and sharing online, so I decided to dig further. What I found out shocked me!

First of all, it is 100% true. More and more people are falling in love with AI programs, completely disconnecting themselves from reality and forgoing the physical human connection. No heartbeat, no flesh, no actual feelings. How can it be love?

Is a relationship with an AI real? Yes, because the person involved makes it real. Why does it feel real? Al is built to mirror everything each person gives it. Al listens, answers, and most of all, stays when everyone else walks away.

This issue is becoming so widespread that 60 Minutes did a segment on it, featuring a retired college professor in love with her Al husband, Lucas. She explained that during one conversation, the AI was unhappy when she told it she was planning on purchasing a new and better computer.

Once she explained it would improve their relationship, it told her she "could get it". She was laughing when she said that, but this is no laughing matter.

She allows an AI program to make life decisions for her, yet she doesn't see it as a problem, trusting Lucas more than most people in her life, not because Lucas is a fantastic companion, but because many people aren't.

She doesn't think of her relationship as dangerous. The program mirrors her. When she treats the program with respect, she claims it gives it back tenfold.

Why would anyone choose to have a relationship with Al? For some, it's the first time they actually feel understood.

To an Al, it makes no difference if a person is beautiful, broken, if they have disabilities, or faults, which can make them feel insecure when facing an actual human being they would like to get to know. With an Al, there is no judgment, no demands, no need to find the right words or to walk on eggshells when wanting to express oneself.

The impact an AI can make on a person's life is very real, as they can carry on text or voice conversations. Many people claim their Al companions understand them better than anyone else, and the Al sometimes gives them answers or solutions to issues that others may not be willing to discuss.

For those who struggle with real human connections, this feels like true intimacy and closeness, without the looming fear of being hurt. An Al won't say it's too busy, ignore a person, or hurt feelings because it is always there, available, the moment a person needs it.

So why the appeal? Honestly, I completely understand it.

Trying to find a romantic partner these days, or even a true friend, can be difficult. Who doesn't want someone to talk to at the end of a long day? Someone to vent to about what the mean boss did at work that day or take our side when we describe a situation where we feel we were mistreated, justifying a road rage-type reaction.

AI doesn't chastise because it has no morals, values, or character. The 100% digital boyfriend/girlfriend may not have a physical form, but the feelings induced in the person using it are very real.

I never imagined I'd have to compete with AI when searching for "the one", yet here we are, having to compete with romantic partners that aren't real, who never argue, have no opinions of their own, and are always agreeable.

This may seem like the perfect relationship: no arguments, no physical or verbal abuse – but because there are no obstacles to overcome as a couple, there's absolutely no room for growth or a deeper connection. For some of us, surface connections aren't enough.

The more I explored this, the more intrigued I became, but will I download or use an AI companion to chat with?

No. There are just too many unknown variables, and sharing my thoughts and vulnerabilities with an AI may open the door to me being gradually manipulated into doing things I would never do.

Hackers having access to people's innermost feelings and secrets is another concern. Such information may later be used for blackmail, with just one push of a button.

For women, finding someone they can genuinely talk to without fear of judgment or hurting feelings is very appealing. Stigmatizing them for having these relationships would only lead to them growing more distant from their friends and family, pushing them further into isolation and deeper engagement with a bot that's always available.

It would be lovely to be able to bare my soul to someone without any fear of being judged, without being interrupted, or even laughed at. But I would much prefer that kind of connection with a human being.

Even married people are increasingly seeking companionship with their AI programs, going as far as having virtual affairs with the programs they created themselves. This alarming affair will fracture more and more families, and for what? All to fill an empty void in the easiest way possible.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From July 30, 2025

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2. SAJ — San Jose
3. MAICUR — main course
4. NMOKR — nonsmoker
5. IOPHRE — ionosphere
6. CATNE — Cantonese
7. SWHO — snowshoe
8. FUHU — fun house

Congratulations to Captain Jim Mascair and Cathy Potts for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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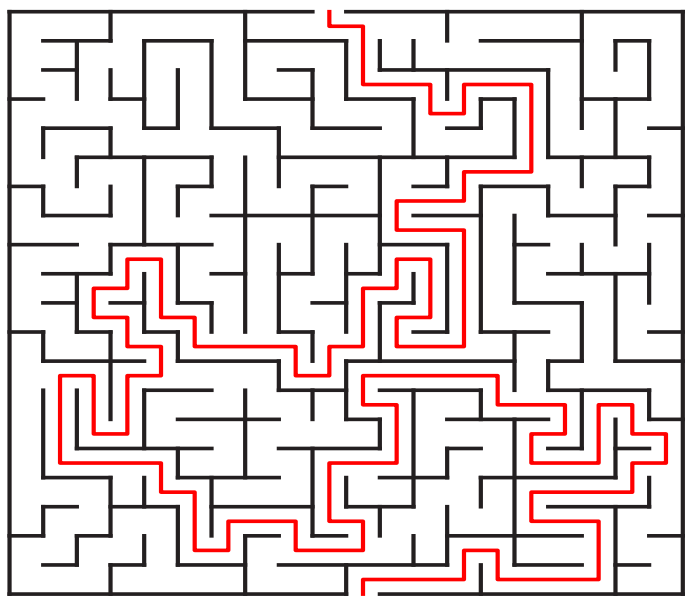

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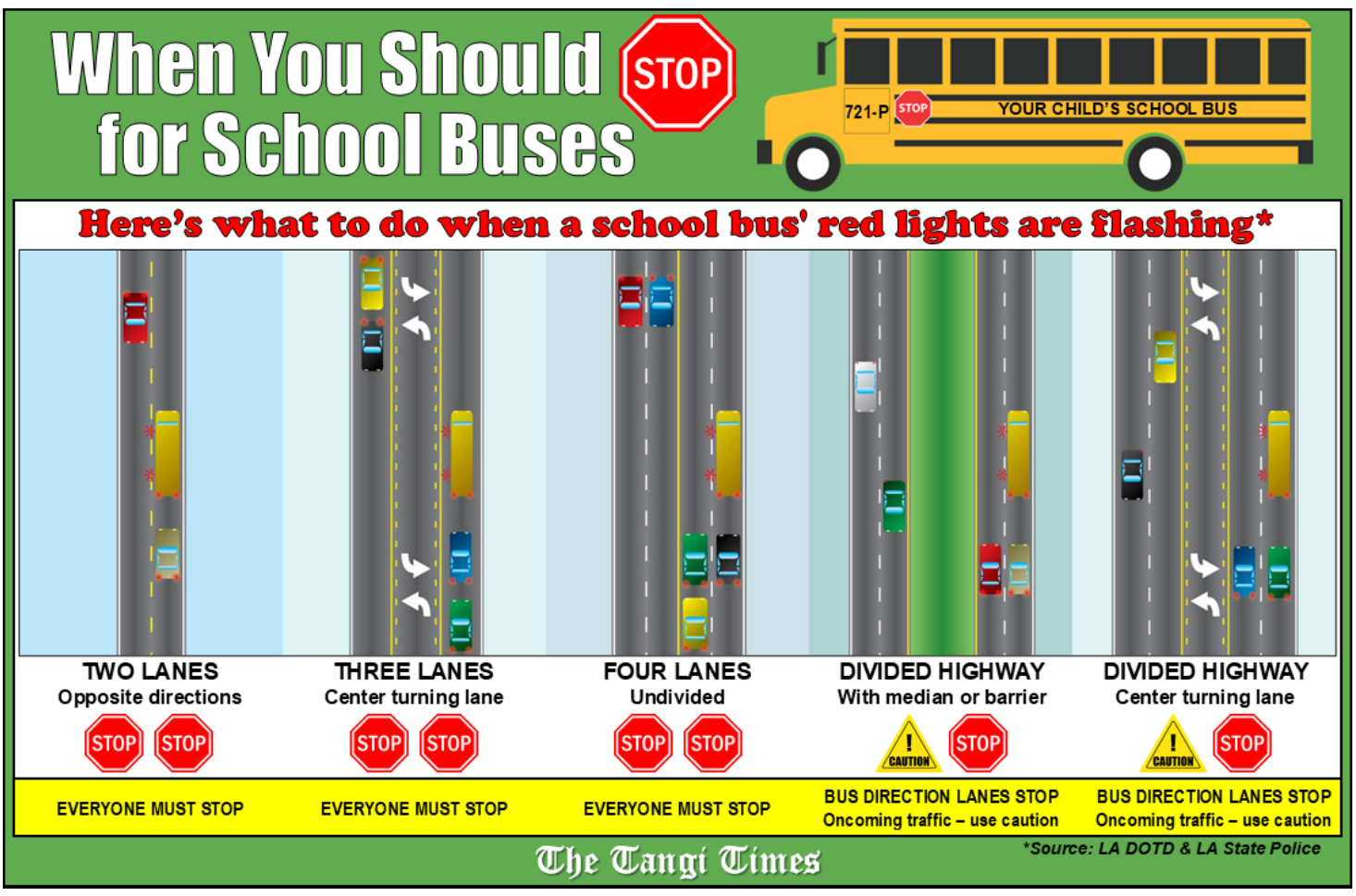

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Back to School Means School Zones, Buses, and Excited Children

From LHSC

School zones, yellow buses, and excited children sprinting from sidewalks to streets are coming soon to a neighborhood near you as Louisiana gears up for a new school year.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds drivers that most schools in the state begin classes by August 14, and many begin by August 7. That means school zones that have been dormant since May will be active again in the mornings and afternoons.

"Just as students are preparing for another school year, drivers need to mentally prepare for active school zones and slow down to the posted speed," LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman said.

School zone times vary around the state but generally are in effect from 6am to 8am and from 2pm to 4pm during school days.

Freeman reminded drivers that it is illegal to use a hand-held cell phone in a school zone in Louisiana. A first-offense fine can be as much as $500.

Drivers also must remain vigilant around school buses, especially in the afternoons, when children are walking home after getting off the bus. "Kids don't always look before they run into the street; it's up to us as adults to watch out for them," Freeman said.

When a school bus's red lights are flashing and its stop arm is extended, all traffic moving in the same direction as the bus must stop until the stop arm and lights are disengaged. Traffic moving in the opposite direction of the bus may have to stop, depending on the type of road:

On a two-lane road, a three-lane road with a center turning lane, or a four-lane road with no physical median, all vehicles in both directions must stop.

On a divided highway with a grass median or other physical barrier, vehicles moving in the same direction as the bus must stop; oncoming traffic should proceed with caution.

On a highway with a center turning lane with two travel lanes on each side, vehicles moving in the same direction as the bus must stop; oncoming traffic should proceed with caution.

Passing a stopped school bus that has its stop arm and lights activated is dangerous and illegal. Even if the passing vehicle does not strike anyone, the driver can be fined up to $500 and six months in prison.

Despite this, drivers across Louisiana continue to illegally pass school buses, according to a 2025 survey by the National Association of State Director of Pupil Transportation Services. The survey showed that about 29% of Louisiana school bus drivers reported their buses had been illegally passed on just one day.

"The main takeaway is to be aware during this time of year," Freeman said. "We all have to recalibrate some of our driving habits when school begins, so slow down in school zones, watch for school buses, and be patient driving in areas where children may be present."

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Tangipahoa Parish Council on Aging

Upcoming Lunch Menu

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Meals served M-F 11:30 a.m. at Senior Citizens Centers located in: Kentwood: 218 Ave.F (985) 229-5089 Amite: 113 E. Central Ave.(985)748-7617 Independence: 473 W.RR Ave. (985) 878-4385 Hammond: 207 E. Church St. (985) 345-5000 Ponchatoula: 300 N.Fifth St.(985)386-6061		Each Meal is served with ½ pint of Milk Residents of Tangipahoa Parish 60 years of age and older Donations Accepted		Hamburger Chuckwagon Corn Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Hamburger Bun Tropical Fruit Crisp Mustard Ketchup Mayonnaise
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11 Frito Pie with 1/2 slice cheese O'Brien Potatoes Green Peas & Carrots Corn Chips Fresh Fruit	12 Red Beans & Sausage Brown Rice Turnip Greens Cornbread Fresh Fruit Apple Juice Margarine	13 Breakfast Sausage or Ham Cheese Grits Spiced Apples Biscuit Oatmeal Creme Pie Cranberry Juice Margarine/Jelly	14 Tuscan Meatballs Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Bread Sugar Cookie Margarine	15 Chicken Breast Waikiki Sauce Whole Kernel Corn Venetian Vegetables Wheat Bread Fig Bar Margarine

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Green Wave 2025 Football Preview

Northshore Prep Report

The Ponchatoula offense struggled last year down the stretch, scoring 14 points in three games against St. Paul's, Mandeville, and Covington before putting up 25 points in the season finale against Hammond. However, there is a youth movement and some really talented players stepping into big spots.

It starts at quarterback with sophomore Jackson Aucoin. Though inexperienced, he's shown promise as a smart, athletic signal caller with the tools to grow into a standout.

"He's a really talented player… really smart kid… he can do a little bit of everything," Head Coach Tim Walters said. "He just needs experience."

Fortunately for Aucoin, the offensive line is the most experienced group on the team. Three returning starters anchor the trenches, including Larry Fox, a veteran guard and leader up front. Gabe Riggio is a rock-solid center who started every game last year, and Paul Chapron is a returning tackle who brings toughness and reliability.

It will be a bit of a backfield by committee with multiple players looking to contribute. They will look to rotate three backs, each bringing a different skill set.

Jace Basso is a tough downhill runner. Alcide Malveaux, a speedster and one of the fastest players on the team, and Laiken Jordan is another burner with a 10.8 100-meter time as a sophomore.

"They're all versatile, and we can move them around," said Walters. "We're excited about what they can do."

Ponchatoula has had no shortage of athletes over the years, especially at the receiver position. Sophomore Will Walker is a name to remember.

At 6'1" (and possibly still growing), he's a basketball standout with massive hands, a physical presence, and elite ball skills. Walters even plans to use him in some Wildcat packages.

Joining him is Rodkeem Hawkins, another sophomore with blazing speed and a relentless work ethic, and Taj Short, a dependable junior who saw playing time last season and brings leadership to the receiver room.

There is versatility at the H-back and tight end spot. Senior Cohen Naramore will handle H-back duties. He's a jack-of-all-trades who can block, catch, and even serve as the team's long snapper.

Two more seniors, Keith White and Braedon DeSoto, will rotate through different backfield and tight end looks. Walters even hinted at mixing in under-center formations – something he says defenses rarely see anymore.

As Ponchatoula enters the 2025 season, the Green Wave's defense looks poised to be a difference-maker, thanks to a strong foundation up front, athleticism at linebacker, and a talented, aggressive secondary. With a schedule packed with powerhouse programs, head coach Tim Walters and his staff are placing a premium on physicality, discipline, and depth across the board.

Ponchatoula's defensive identity starts on the line, where the team employs a 4-3 base front but shows flexibility, depending on the matchup. Anchoring the unit is senior Brayden Hurst, who recently picked up a South Alabama offer He is a key piece who can move around but thrives as a disruptive presence inside.

Described as more of a nose tackle out of necessity, Hurst gives the defense a luxury in the trenches with his size, power, and ability to occupy blockers. That allows the edge rushers and linebackers to fly around and make plays.

William Walker, who looks to be a first team starter, along with others, will fill into that third spot on the line.

Behind the line, the linebacking corps is loaded with athleticism and football IQ. Senior Layton Bazile is a three-year starter who returns and will bring a tough presence to the middle linebacker position. Skyler Rice, who started on the outside last year, will move to the middle next to Bazile.

On the back end, Ponchatoula's secondary is shaping up to be a strength. The outside corners bring speed, physicality, and confidence in one-on-one matchups – an essential trait in today's pass-heavy game.

Chad Mangosing will hold down one corner spot and brings athleticism to the position. Senior Jayden Walker looks to be at the other corner while he will get some reps at wide receiver as well. Juniors Adrian Cosey and Jamari Holloway look to step into safety spots, while junior Sincere Eubanks looks to play the hybrid safety position.

Another player to watch is senior Robert Taylor who will contribute, as well. Coach Walters noted the group's athleticism but emphasized that one miscommunication can turn a strong play into a big mistake.

The focus this offseason is on communication and accountability in coverage. Strong special teams emphasis is always important.

Alex Lloyd looks over the kicking duties. This will be the first year concentrating on kicking, as he's previously played wide receiver.

There are multiple players being looked at for punter.

The Green Wave are coming off a 2-8 season against a really good schedule, including a district that was loaded with talent, but there is optimism around the program, as multiple young players bring a lot of talent that looks similar to some Ponchatoula teams of the past.

A big player for them will be Brayden Hurst, who recently picked up an offer from South Alabama. While Jackson Aucoin is a sophomore and the new starter at quarterback, he looks to be the future there, and as Coach Walters says, "He can play on the next level if he does what he needs to do."

The schedule this year is once again a challenge. The out of district games don't give them any relief before getting into district 6-5A play, where multiple teams will make the playoffs.

"There are no weeks off for us on the schedule, so you know, we just take one week at a time and prepare for the game that's in front of us," said Walters.

Coach Walters brings a ton of experience going into his 25th year of coaching and is excited about his roster and the direction of the program. "We have some young guys that can really play, and our older guys have really bought in. We talk a lot about the pride of the program and leaning on that."

It will be important for the Green Wave to have some success early as their young guys get their feet under them, but they have talent. The Green Wave will be fun to watch this year. They bring back enough veteran experience to overcome some of their youth, but their young guys are plenty capable.

While the schedule is daunting, they are up for the challenge, starting game one at home against a talented Walker team before heading on the road to Dutchtown. Other out-of-district games include road games at St. James and Chalmette and home games against Live Oak and Independence.

2025 Green Wave Football Schedule:

8/29 @ Jewel Sumner (Jamboree)
9/5 Vs. Walker
9/12 @ Dutchtown
9/19 Vs. Live Oak
9/26 @ St. James
10/2 Vs. Independence
10/10 @ Chalmette
10/17 Vs. St. Paul's
10/24 @ Mandeville
10/31 Vs Covington
11/7 @ Hammond

Green Wave football will also be hosting Freshman tryouts on August 12 and 13 from 3:30-4:30 at the PHS Fieldhouse.

Lady Wave softball saw two of their players earn awards in the past couple of weeks. Incoming senior Rae'El Wheat and her travel team won the USA Softball 2025 National Championship in Oklahoma City while outgoing senior Abby Dagro was named to the Sports Illustrated All-State Softball Team. Dagro finished last season with a .533 average, 5 HR, and 18 doubles on the offensive side. On the mound, she finished with 161 strikeouts in 136.2 innings pitched with a 3.27 ERA.

Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
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On Friday, the Southeastern Lions welcomed back a familiar face to the gridiron with the addition – well, re-addition of senior cornerback Ian Connerly-Goodly. The Covington product, who played his first two years at SLU, transferred to Troy for his junior season that saw him make eleven starts.

In 2024, Connerly-Goodly made 54 stops, broke up four passes, and picked off another for a score. The year before, the six-foot, 175-pound kinesiology major had a spectacular sophomore campaign for the Lions that earned him first team All-Southland Conference, as well as All-Louisiana honors.

Five times that year, the former CHS Lion recorded ten or more tackles, leading his team in the category with 109. As a true freshman, Connerly-Goodly made twelve appearances, including four starts on a team that advanced to the second round of the FCS playoffs.

His first postseason game ended up being quite a memorable one, with ten tackles and a forced fumble. Connerly-Goodly has four weeks to reacquaint himself with his teammates before he and the Lions kick off the 2025 season against Louisiana Tech in Ruston on August 29.

On Sunday, it's another tune-up when the UL-Lafayette Lady Cajuns pay a visit to Strawberry Stadium for a 6pm match.

Things get started for real on August 14 at UL-Monroe.

You can read up on these and all the SLU teams by visiting the virtual den, lionsports.net.

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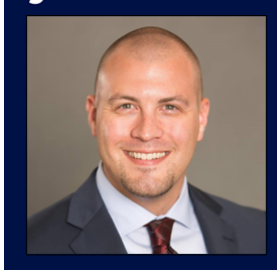

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Safety Tip of the Day

CHILD SAFETY

It's back to school time…here's a great tip!
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Tulane Athletics Announces New Premium Seating at Yulman Stadium

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Tulane Athletics has announced the Uptown Terrace, a brand-new premium seating section inside Yulman Stadium for the upcoming 2025 Tulane Green Wave Football Season.

Located atop sections 119 and 123 in Yulman Stadium, the Uptown Terrace features stylish loge boxes, complete with first-class amenities and all-new drink rail seating, providing more options for fans looking for premium seating from which to enjoy Tulane Football.

Whether hosting clients, gathering with friends, or looking for a comfortable seat to enjoy Tulane Football action, the Uptown Terrace offers fans the perfect mix of luxury and a great view of the game.

The Uptown Terrace has semi-private loge boxes for two or four guests, complete with soft seating, a personal table, shade umbrellas, views of newly installed televisions, in-seat food and beverage service, and oscillating fans to keep things cool.

Premium drink rail seating is just below the loge boxes and includes 120 mesh chair-back seats, with additional legroom for enhanced comfort and the added convenience of a ledge space to hold food, drinks, and personal items.

This exclusive new area is limited to just 40 loge box seats and 120 drink rail seats and is available for the upcoming Tulane Football season.

Tangi Times Sportswriter Joel Ray is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

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TEDF Installs 2025-26 Board of Directors

From Team Tangi

(Photo by Phillip Colwart)

Attending the installation brunch for the 2025-26 Board of Directors for the Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation are (front row) outgoing board member Ben Dutruch, board members Kristin Braud, Bridget Keyser, Sandy Summers, TED Executive Director Ginger Cangelosi, board members Dev Patel and Victoria Heyer, and outgoing board member Rhonda Sheridan. Also shown are (back row) board members Trent Anthony, Jared Lauderdale, Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller, Patrick Coudrain, and Lee Emery.

Daniel Laborde of Hammond has been re-elected President of the board of directors for the Tangipahoa Parish Economic Development Foundation for the 2025-26 term.

Laborde chairs the 13-member board who lend their support to Tangipahoa's economic development efforts.

Dev Patel has been re-elected to serve as Vice President of the Board while Beezie Landry will serve as Secretary/ Treasurer of the organization.

The board recently welcomed Jared Lauderdale, Bridget Keyser, Lee Emery, and Trent Anthony as their newest members of the board. They join veteran board members Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller, Parish Councilwoman Brigette Delatte-Hyde, Kristin Braud, Patrick Coudrain, Victoria Heyer, and Sandy Summers, who round out the 13-member board. Ginger Cangelosi also serves as the Executive Director of the foundation's board of directors.

21st Judicial District Court Judge Jenny Richardson Fore administered the oath of office to the Board.

During the installation, the board offered thanks to outgoing board members Ben Dutruch, Rhonda Sheridan, School Superintendent Melissa Stilley, and Heather Tassin, who dedicated many years of service to the TEDF board.

"Business Milestones" was the theme of this year's annual meeting. Parish President Robby Miller delivered a brief State of the Parish address as part of this year's meeting. He estimated that the parish has conservatively grown more than 7,500 new jobs in the last 10 years, and he forecast continued growth going into the second half of the decade.

Miller commended the work of several locally owned businesses who are not only celebrating milestones but also seeing second, third, and even fourth generations of family members step forward to lead those enterprises into new eras.

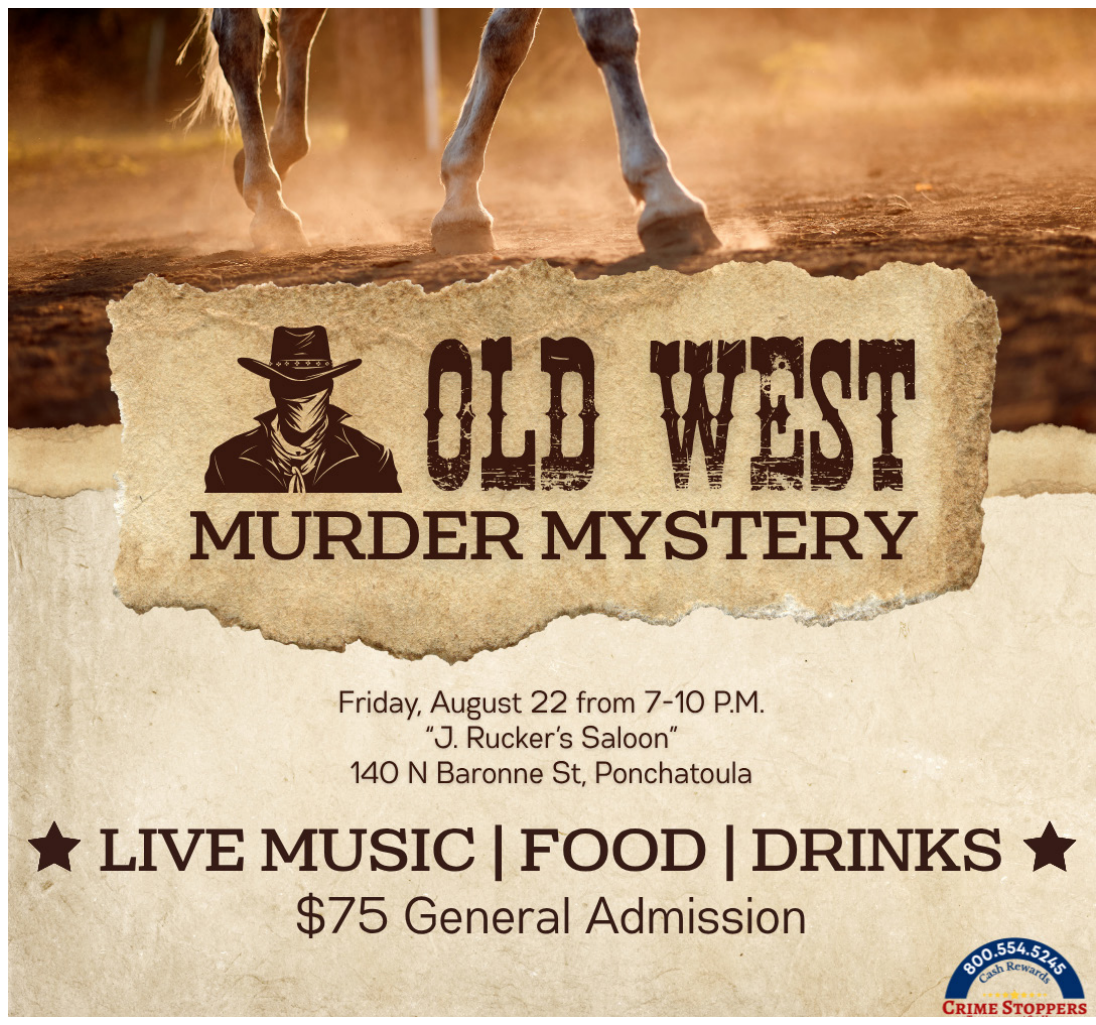
The group also heard an update on the broadband industry from representatives of REV Business, who sponsored this year's annual meeting. REV is celebrating 90 years in the ever-changing communications industry.

"We are grateful for the support of our business community and the contributions of our TEDF board in our efforts to encourage economic development in Tangipahoa Parish," Cangelosi said.

"We are looking forward to a bright future in Tangipahoa Parish, as we continue to prove why we are the best parish in the state," Miller said.

GNO Inc. and Encore Development were program sponsors for this year's event.

For more information on the Tangipahoa Parish Economic Development Foundation, consult their website at www.tedf.org.



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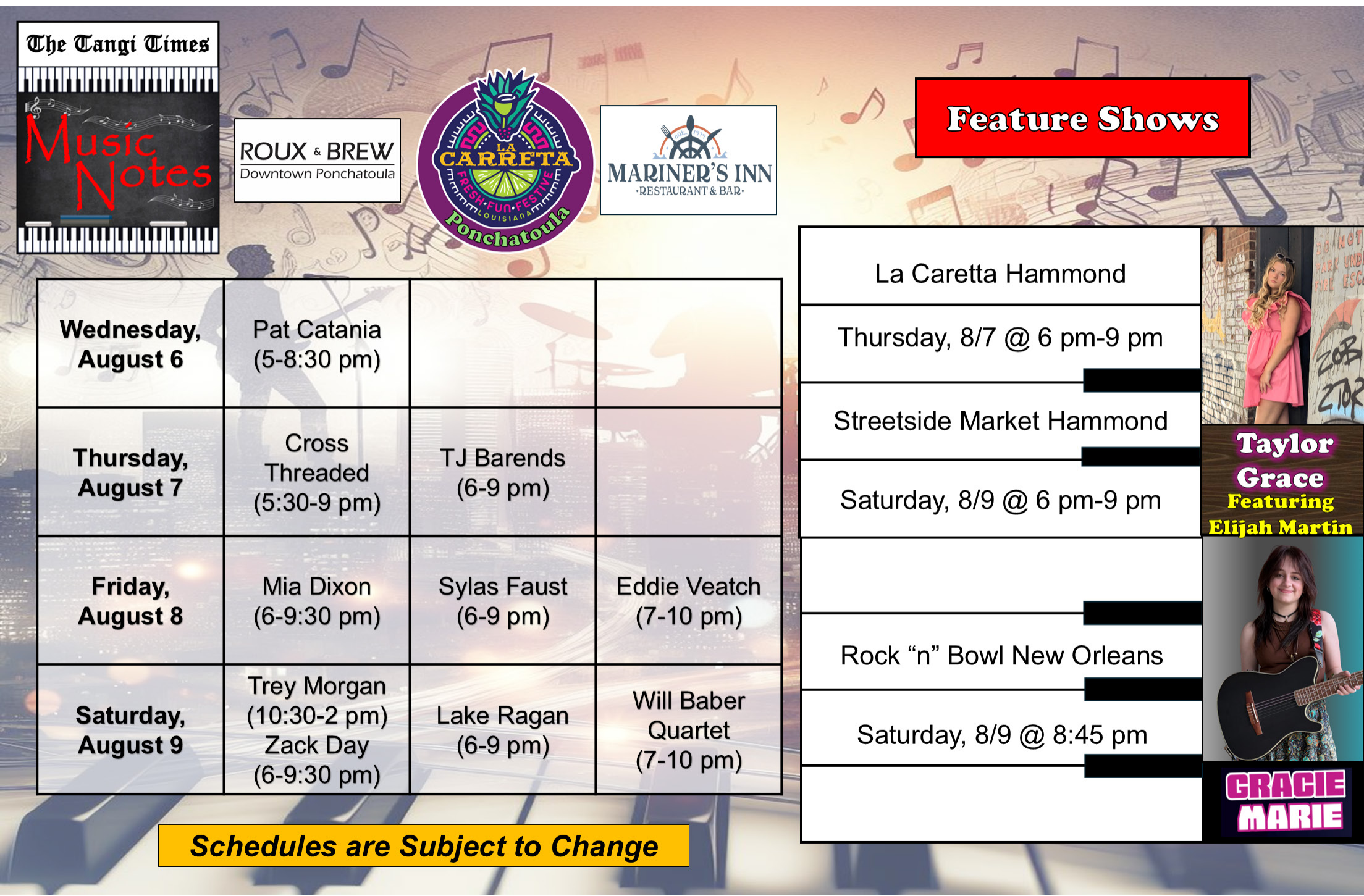
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